

How to avoid Operations

These Three Women Tell How They Escaped the Dreadful Ordeal of Surgical Operations.

Hospitals are great and necessary institutions, but they should be the last resort for women who suffer with ills peculiar to their sex. Many letters on file in the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., prove that a great number of women after they have been recommended to submit to an operation have been made well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Here are three such letters. All sick women should read them.

Marinette, Wis.—"I went to the doctor and he told me I must have an operation for a female trouble, and I hated to have it done as I had been married only a short time. I would have terrible pains and my hands and feet were cold all the time. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and was cured, and I feel better in every way. I give you permission to publish my name because I am so thankful that I feel well again."

Mrs. FRED BEHNKE, Marinette, Wis.

Detroit, Mich.—"When I first took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was so run down with female troubles that I could not do anything, and our doctor said I would have to undergo an operation. I could hardly walk without help so when I read about the Vegetable Compound and what it had done for others I thought I would try it. I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash and used them according to directions. They helped me and today I am able to do all my work and I am well."

Mrs. THOS. DRYDEN, 989 Milwaukee Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.

Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story, that I never could get well without an operation and I just decided the thought of that. I also tried a good many other medicines that were recommended to me and none of them helped me until a friend advised me to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The first bottle helped, I kept taking it and now I don't know what it is to be sick any more and I am picking up in weight. I am 20 years old and weigh 145 pounds. It will be the greatest pleasure to me if I can have the opportunity to recommend it to any other suffering woman."

Miss IRENE FROELICHER, 1923 Manhattan St., North Side, Bellevue, Pa.

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VILLA'S BODY HAS BEEN FOUND

BANDIT DUG UP AND IS NOW ON WAY TO JUAREZ AS PROOF.

TROOPS MAY BE WITHDRAWN

Note to Carranza Will Go Forward Just the Same—De Facto Government Must Guarantee Future Safety of Border.

Mexico City.—Francisco Villa's body has been dug out of a two weeks' old grave by Col. Carlos Carranza, nephew of Gen. Carranza, the first chief of the constitutionalists, and is now being brought by him and an escort of soldiers to the City of Chihuahua.

According to the dispatches thus far received, Villa's death was due to the amputation of one of his legs, made necessary by wounds received by him in the fighting around the Guerrero district, in the State of Chihuahua. After being desperately wounded, he was carried by his followers to the town of Temosheche, where the operation of amputation was performed by a village doctor.

As soon as the bandit chief could be moved he was carried south to the town of Cuahuirachi, 23 miles distant. Here, according to the story, he lingered for a few days, suffering greatly before death ended his career.

Washington.—American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico immediately if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unofficial statement commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body had been discovered and was being taken from Cuahuirachi to Chihuahua City by special train.

Officials would not discuss what proof they would deem necessary to establish the fact that the body mentioned in these reports is that of Villa. It is certain, however, that every effort will be made to obtain so complete an identification as to make sure beyond reasonable doubt that the man who waged war with a few hundred bandits against the United States and the de facto government of Mexico simultaneously, has paid the penalty.

Preparation of the reply to Gen. Carranza's note suggesting the recall of the American forces, will go forward without regard to the reports as to the death of the bandit.

Until official confirmation is received no change will be made in present plans. The reply already has been outlined. It is understood, setting forth clearly the attitude of the Washington government and its reasons for believing that it acted under a definite and fully ratified agreement when it ordered the expedition across the border.

The reply will contain also a statement of the things the administration holds it will be necessary to establish before a retirement toward the border can be started.

The vital element of any understanding reached would be the ability of the de facto government to insure protection of American border towns in future, and the complete elimination of Villa and his bandits from the situation.

Woman Has Apple 25 Years Old.
York, Pa.—An apple 25 years old, apparently in an excellent state of preservation, is in the possession of Mrs. Margaret Bischof of this city. It is studded with cloves.

Have Never Been Kissed.
Muskegon, Ok.—Of the 35 boys members of the senior class of Central high school in this city, 17 admit that they have never kissed or been kissed.

Submarine Captures Steamer.
Copenhagen.—The Danish steamer Kasan, bound from Liverpool to Copenhagen, was captured in the Cattenburg by a large German submarine.

U-Boat Commanders Decorated.
London.—A Berlin Lokai Anzeiger dispatch to Reuters says that the German emperor has conferred the Hohenzollern order on two submarine commanders, Lieut. Wonniger and Lieut. von Werner.

Virginia, Ill., Results.
Virginia, Ill.—The following were elected at the school board election here: Elijah Needham, president for tenth consecutive time; Dr. G. W. Smith and C. C. Savage.

Mary Anderson on Stage.
London.—Mrs. de Navarro, formerly Mary Anderson, many years ago the foremost American tragedienne, appeared at Worcester Theater Royal as Clarice in "Comedy and Tragedy," in aid of the disabled soldiers of the Worcestershire regiment.

American Burned at Stake.
Waukesha, Wis.—Dr. Joseph Shimmion, who was a member of the 1903 class of the Jefferson college, Philadelphia, Pa., was burned at the stake and beheaded in Persia, according to advices reaching here from Philadelphia.

Jailed for Keeping Saws.
Terre Haute, Ind.—Judge Newton in the city court fined George Baxter \$500 and sentenced him to the state penitentiary for 180 days because he borrowed saws and did not return them.

Denies Aiding Felix Diaz.
Guatemala.—President Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala denies reports that he has assisted Gen. Felix Diaz with money and arms. He said the reports of mobilizations on Guatemalan territory was false.

Million Armenians Murdered.
Amsterdam.—Catholic ecclesiastical authorities in Germany have received from an authoritative source in the Catholic Mission, trustworthy information that more than 1,000,000 Armenians have been murdered by Turks.

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Left the Mayor Gasping.

Expecting a party of friends to supper, Major Montague had ordered a hare from the local shop. The time was at hand, but not so the hare. After storming wildly at every body in the house, the retired man of Mars stalked into the garden to cool down, his bald head gleaming in the sunshine. Just then, as bad luck ruled it, Jimmy Walker, the errand boy from the butcher's shop, passed by. The major mistook him for the fishmonger's messenger and yelled at him:

"Here, you rascal, what have you done with my hare?"

"Jimmy, who was not noted for his respect for his elders, glanced calmly at the major's shining pate.

"Never touched it, old cockalorum!" he replied, promptly. "What have you done with my whiskers?"—London Answers.

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but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

In some parts of Russia gold has been mined without interruption since 1744.

An engagement ring on the finger is worth two in the pawnshop.

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Too much meat is just as bad as not enough. Such a diet is apt to load the blood with uric acid and to injure the kidneys. Bad backs, blue, nervous spells, dizziness, rheumatic pains, and bladder troubles indicate weak kidneys, foretell danger of gravel and Bright's disease. Don't neglect this condition. Use Doan's Kidney Pills.

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LOVE IN THE ORIENT

COURTSHIPS THAT GO ON UNDER MANY DIFFICULTIES.

In Some Tribes Several Swains Served Their Adored Ones Until the One Chosen From Among the Others Has Been Designated.

Some customs prevailing in certain parts of the Sudan have been entertainingly described in a series of letters which an English traveler, a minister of education, has written to his wife who is visiting America.

He came across certain tribes where the women, he says, "seem to have passed the limits of even American women," and he naively adds that but for the distance from Cairo and the wildness of the country he "would willingly pass several months in the midst of these good folk in order to learn the meaning of virtue in both the ancient and the modern sense of the word."

"One girl may have as many as from seven to fifteen wipers, who court and flirt with her for a whole year in the sight of her parents. They not only visit her in the daytime, but remain at night near her dwelling to mount guard outside her room, going as far as to keep watch within her room in order to be at her service in case she should awake."

"If she asks for water, as many calabashes of water are offered to her as there are lovers in attendance. Should she desire to pay calls on her friends the whole of her lovers offer to carry her palanquin, and again it is the aspirants to her hand who undertake to anoint her with butter every morning. The period of courtship lasts for a year, at the end of which period the beauty must make her choice. When she does so the unsuccessful wooers go away to repeat their performance with another girl."

These maidens are black and, nominally at least, Mohammedans, but in the matter of rights and liberties they have little to learn. The Shilluks of the White Nile, on the other hand, are as far as possible from being Mohammedans, yet their women have similar privileges.

"With the Shilluks it is the women that rule the household, the young women themselves that choose their husbands and that, once married, assume the post of command. The strongest and most hot-headed man dare not beat his wife, for he would be looked down upon immediately and would be unable to find a second wife to succeed his first. No missionary effort affects the Shilluk woman; it is practically impossible to convert her either to Christianity or to Islamism, for she is the guardian and depository of the Shilluk traditions, religion and historical customs."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Zinc Has Big Place in War.

Zinc is so essential in wartime that it has risen enormously in price in the past year. Costing originally only two-fifths as much as copper, it now costs decidedly more than copper, in spite of the fact that copper itself has sharply increased in value.

Zinc is a constituent of cartridge brass and shell-fuses, and is used also as a covering for iron barbed wire fencing. In 1913 the United States, Germany and Belgium were the leading producers of zinc.

Of the three, only the United States smelted domestic ores. Belgium and Germany relied mainly on zinc concentrates that they imported from the Broken Hill mines in New South Wales, where, for one reason and another, it does not pay to do the smelting. France, Spain and Great Britain also produce substantial quantities, but not enough to supply their own needs.

Austria and Germany have considerable deposits of ore in Silesia, Hungary, Carinthia and the Tyrol. As the zinc-smelting furnaces of Great Britain are not well adapted for dealing with the Broken Hill concentrates it buys the bulk of its supplies from the United States.

Save Your Paper, Says Uncle Sam.

Save your old paper and rags! By so doing, according to the department of commerce, you not only will be enriching yourself to a certain extent, but will be aiding paper manufacturers to solve what promises to become a very serious problem—the shortage of raw materials.

The department is sending broadcast letters to business firms urging them to conserve their old paper. Something like 15,000 tons of paper are manufactured every day in the United States and a large proportion of this, after being used, is thrown away or burned, with the result that just so much raw material must be obtained.

Most of this paper can be used again in the manufacture of a slightly inferior grade.

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"Here," the day mourner said, "here's a dollar for you, old man."

"Bless God!" Brother Williams said. "I knowed you turn loose de sunshine. Hit wuz in yo' pocket all de time!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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But let these Missouri mothers speak for themselves: Mrs. Bolton writes—"I have used Vap-O-Rub on baby for bad colds. Results were excellent. I find it better than any internal medicine I ever used."

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